

Article 26 – Miscellaneous Governmental Entities

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(a) (1) There is a Crofton Police Department.

(2) The Department is:

(i) Established to provide protection for the Crofton Special Community Benefit District in Anne Arundel County; and

(ii) Charged with the responsibility of enforcing the applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State and Anne Arundel County.

(3) The Department is not an agency of Anne Arundel County, and its officers, employees, and agents are not officers, employees, or agents of the County. Anne Arundel County is not responsible for the acts or omissions of the Department, its officers, employees, or agents.

(b) (1) A member of the Crofton Police Department has all the powers granted to a peace officer and a police officer of this State. These powers may be exercised only on property within the Crofton Special Community Benefit District and not on any other property unless:

(i) Engaged in fresh pursuit of a suspected offender;

(ii) Specially requested or permitted to do so in a political subdivision by its chief executive officer or its chief police officer; or

(iii) Ordered to do so by the Governor.

(2) Members of the Crofton Police Department have concurrent jurisdiction in the performance of their duties with the law enforcement agencies of the State and of Anne Arundel County. Nothing contained in this section relieves the State or the County from a duty to provide police, fire, and other public safety service and protection or affects the jurisdiction of other police, fire, and public safety agencies.

(c) The Maryland Police Training Commission shall adopt or may delegate to the Board of Directors of the Crofton [Community] CIVIC Association, INCORPORATED the authority to adopt standards, qualifications, and prerequisites of character, training, education, human and public relations, and experience for the Crofton Police Department, including standards for the performance of their duties.

(D) (1) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CROFTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, ACTING AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CROFTON SPECIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT, SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION AND CONDUCT OF THE CROFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE POLICE OFFICERS.

(2) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING POLICE OFFICERS SHALL SUPPLEMENT ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS OF THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION.